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RESOLUTION OF ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 4D ENCOURAGING THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY AT 5TH AND KENNEDY STREETS, NW TO CONSTRUCT A BRIGHTWOOD PARK LIBRARY

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D takes note of the following:

- 1. **WHEREAS**, The corner of 5th and Kennedy Streets, NW has long struggled with violence and criminal activity; the neighborhood is in urgent need of revitalization and public services to uplift the Brightwood Park community and meet the larger needs of Ward 4.
- 2. **WHEREAS,** A library would be a safe space for teens to receive supportive and positive opportunities after school, make programming available for youth, their families, and provide additional learning/enrichment classes for all ages;
- 3. **WHEREAS**, Access to affordable internet and computers continue to be a barrier to excellence for youth, seniors, and multilingual residents in 4D. A

- library could provide access to secure, high-speed computers/internet to aid in research, homework, and the world of academic excellence;
- 4. **WHEREAS,** the statistics on illiteracy in Washington, DC are directly influenced by the support of our communities to the system of education. A library could provide programming toward changing these statistics;
- 5. **WHEREAS**, the absence of a place to job search, prepare for interviews, create resumes and/or study has contributed to the current climate of 5th and Kennedy streets, NW. A library could be a positive addition to this neighborhood and fill a critical gap;
- 6. **WHEREAS,** The closest libraries are more than one (1) mile, in each direction, from this intersection and therefore unwalkable for residents and evidence of a gap in government services in ward 4. A library could eliminate the opportunity for criminals to target neighbors;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT ANC 4D

- 1. **REQUESTS** that the District Government fund an eminent domain purchase of the southeast corner of 5th and Kennedy Streets, NW to construct a new public library to fill the service gap in Brightwood/Manor Park.
- 2. **FURTHER REQUESTS,** that the District Government set aside at least \$25 million in the Capital Improvement Plan to acquire property at the intersection of 5th and Kennedy Streets, NW to construct a new, Brightwood Park Library.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Commissioners Kate Judson, ANC 4D02 and Joy Pinkney, ANC 4D01, are hereby authorized to serve as the Commission's representative in all matters relating to this resolution.

This Resolution of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 4D Encouraging the Acquisition of Property at 5th and Kennedy Streets, NW To Construct a Brightwood Park Library was considered on March 15, 2023 before ANC 4D at a duly noticed meeting of the Commission in the presence of a quorum. The vote of the Commission was eight in favor, none against, and no abstentions. The Resolution is hereby adopted as resolution number 4D-2023-04.

Signed by

Anthony Pirrotti, ANC 4D Chair

Dated: March 23, 2023